

**WILLIAMSBURG
ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD MINUTES
Tuesday, October 26, 2004**

CALL TO ORDER AND ATTENDANCE

The regular semimonthly Architectural Review Board meeting was held on Tuesday, October 26, 2004, at 6:30 p.m. in the third Floor Conference Room of the Municipal Building.

Chairman Williams called the meeting to order. Present in addition to Mr. Williams were Board members Mr. Hertzler, Mr. Klee, Mr. Walker, Mr. Spence and Mr. Watson. Board member Mr. Durbin was absent. Also present was Zoning Administrator Murphy and Zoning Officer Beck.

CONSENT AGENDA

ARB #04-110 Williams/516 Newport Avenue – Addition to single-family dwelling – Approved.

ARB #04-111 King & Queen Apartments/732 Scotland Street – Exterior Change (replace Masonite siding with Hardiplank siding) – Approved.

ARB #04-109 CWF/Woodlands Hotel – Awning – Approved.

ARB

SIGN #04-046 Excel Gas/401 Page Street – Monument, Building & Canopy Signs – Approved.

Mr. Williams motioned to approve the consent agenda as presented.

Recorded vote on the motion:

Aye: Mr. Hertzler, Mr. Klee, Mr. Williams, Mr. Spence and Mr. Watson.

Nay: None.

Absent: Mr. Durbin.

Abstain: Mr. Spence and Mr. Klee on ARB #04-109.

OTHER BUSINESS

Hardiplank Siding Discussion

Chairman Williams recapped highlights from the last meeting with contractors on Hardiplank siding noting the following:

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- Both contractors (Joel Sheppard and Dave Harvey) used Hardiplank siding and were very satisfied with the product.
- Mr. Sheppard stated that 60% of his inventory at Custom Building Supplies is synthetic material because a majority of his customers want a product that withstands moisture and doesn't need painting every 2-4 years.
- Mr. Kerry Shackelford stated his company supplies quality wood siding that is affordable and was willing to educate homeowners and contractors on the proper installation and painting of wood siding.

Mr. Klee presented a letter from Edward Chappell raising concerns on expanding the use of synthetic siding in the Architectural Preservation District. A general discussion followed concerning possible alternatives. It was the consensus of those present the current guidelines provide enough flexibility on synthetic siding. It was noted the mission of the Architectural Review Board was the preservation of properties in the Architectural Preservation District and that a better solution would be giving property owners incentives for restoring their home with wood siding rather than replacing it with synthetic siding. Mr. Watson noted that Newport News provides a tax incentive for property owners for restoring their property. Mr. Hertzler and other members liked the idea of tax incentives and requested the tax incentive idea be submitted to City Council at a work session for consideration in the near future. Based on the discussion, Board members agreed to review all issues presented at the last several meetings on the issue of synthetic siding over the next two weeks for a final vote at the November 9th meeting with the two tabled cases being voted on at the November 23rd meeting. Staff noted the two applicants would be notified of the November 9th meeting for a final decision on synthetic materials in the Architectural Preservation District.

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The minutes were approved as presented.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:30 P.M.

Jason Beck
Zoning Officer